

Historic Resources Board

An advisory board to the Huntington Beach City Council

MINUTES HUNTINGTON BEACH ART CENTER HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

Friday, April 17, 2009
1:30 p.m.
Huntington Beach Art Center
538 Main Street
Huntington Beach CA 92648

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Ryan called the meeting of the Historic Resources Board to order at 1:40 p.m. at which time a quorum was met.

II. ROLL CALL: Harris, Haynes, Howard, Kennedy, Ryan, Santiago, Schey

ABSENCES: Essner, Robinson, Watkins

STAFF PRESENT: Clary, Hoffman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Members reviewed the minutes from the March 20, 2009 meeting. Haynes motioned to accept the minutes, Howard seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:

Ryan welcomed the board, and introduced the guests; Flossie Horgan, Executive Director of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust and Richardson Gray; Downtown Residence Association.

V. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Flossie Horgan presented information to the board regarding the remaining undeveloped 6 ½ acres in the wetland area of the Goodell Property, which the owner/developer wants to develop into a residential area. Ms. Horgan explained that there is historical significance to the property since there have been discoveries of cogged stones that date back six-thousand years found on the property. She distributed information on cogged stone artifacts, a staff evaluation report from J. Charles Whatford, Associate State Archaeologist dated October 14, 2001, a letter from J. Daniel Rodgers, Ph.D., Chairman of the Smithsonian Institute to Carol D. Schull, Keeper of the Register, National Register of Historic Places, dated December 6, 2001, and a packet of various other documents supporting the findings and requesting that this portion of land be added to the National Register of Historic Places. She stated that the City of Huntington Beach is attempting to annex the property and zone it as residential. She is requesting the Historic Resources Board write a letter to council asking for an Environmental Impact Report, and support the preservation of the land. The board thanked her for her time. The board discussed their options with Hoffman. Hoffman will contact Mr. Hess with the Planning Dept. to schedule a special meeting so that the board is able to hear facts from both sides on this issue before submitting their recommendation to council.

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2. Schey informed the board about awards the Governor's office presents to groups like the HRB for preservation projects. She suggested the board look at submitting for next year's awards.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Hoffman informed the board that she has received emails from both Roz Essner and Nuwana Robinson, who want to discuss resigning from the Board. Clary distributed a term roster. As of June 30th, the following changes will occur on the board: a) Arline Howard's service on the board is ending, but, she offered her assistance to the board as a community resource for future projects. b) The first term for Debra Watkins, Kathie Schey and Billy Kennedy has ended and if they would like to serve a second term, they must submit a request in writing.
2. Council Liaison/Chair, Vice-Chair Meeting Update:
 - a. Main Street Library: Ryan, Haynes and Hoffman met with council liaison's Carchio and Hardy regarding the concerns of the Main Street Library as presented previously by Richardson Gray of the DRA. Ryan assured Mr. Gray that both liaisons are in agreement that they do not want to see the library demolished. Mr. Gray feels there is an urgency in this matter and asked the board to submit a letter requesting that the library be added to the inventory list being prepared by Galvin Preservation Associates prior to May 28, 2009. Hoffman explained to Mr. Gray that the library, along with many other notable structures within Huntington Beach is already on the list to be inventoried. Schey suggested that as individuals, the board members can contact Galvin. The board discussed Mr. Gray's expectations vs. their role as a board. Santiago motioned that a follow-up and thank you letter be written and presented to the board liaisons. The motion was seconded by Harris and the board agreed unanimously.
 - b. Enterprise Fund: Hoffman gave the definition of an "enterprise fund", which was suggested at the last meeting, as a business unit within the city (for example, the Water Dept.). Boards and commissions are not enterprises and would not fit properly in the designation of an enterprise funds. In the future, if the board has a project they are interested in that they would want to raise funds for, they must first get approval by council liaisons, and if approved, the city would set up a "donations" account for them.

VII. CURRENT ISSUE UPDATES:

1. Historic Exhibition Events Follow-Up:
 - a. Preservation Panel - Ryan wants the board to get back to the goal of preservation. She wants to schedule more panel discussions in the future.
 - b. Surf Film - The day was a big success and fun was had by all. The board thanked Santiago for his contribution and hard work on the surf film day.
2. Ebb & Flow Book:
 - a. Ryan reported that council liaisons said that any money from the book should go back to the Centennial Committees. At the end of the year and after all of the committee's invoices from the centennial are paid, if there is any revenue remaining, it will come back to the board for future projects. Ryan sent a thank you letter to the Centennial Committee for their support for the book and exhibition. Santiago once again voiced his opinion on, and objection to, the Centennial Committee receiving the funds from the donations revenue for the Ebb & Flow book. Ryan asked that this issue be put to rest and accept the decision of centennial committee regarding the book revenue. The board agreed.

3. Documentary:
 - a. The board discussed the documentary and agreed that they would like to follow through with the project. This item will be agendized for the next scheduled meeting.
4. Centennial Committee Update:
 - a. Ryan read the thank you letter that was discussed under the Ebb & Flow Book section.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Brown Act Laws and Parliamentary Procedures:
 - a. Hoffman informed the board about the Brown Act roundtable that she and Clary attended. Clary distributed a binder with reference material for the Brown Act, Code of Ethics and Rosenberg's Rules of Order (a condensed version of Robert's Rules of Order). Clary will mail a copy to absent board members.
2. Recommended Move To Planning Dept.:
 - a. Howard read the letter sent to the board from the Inter Governmental Committee regarding the possible move from Community Services to the Planning Dept. Board members discussed the meaning of the move with Hoffman. The letter invites the board members to a meeting to voice their opinion.

Ryan reported that during the meeting with council liaisons, Hardy suggested that the board go before council, during the public hearing time, and let them know what they have done over the last year, who has assisted with projects, and what their goals are for the future.

IX. MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Bolsa Chica Cogged Stone Information
2. HB Downtown Residents Association Information Packet on the Main Street Library
3. Laws & Guidelines for Board Members (Brown Act, Code of Ethics, and Rosenberg's Rules of Order)
4. Term Roster

X. ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED

1. Documentary
2. Historical Survey Maps Given to Galvin Preservation Associates by the City of Huntington Beach

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Resources Board is scheduled for 1:30 pm on Friday, May 15, 2009 at the Huntington Beach Art Center, 538 Main Street, Huntington Beach.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Clary, Recording Secretary